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(54) Title: METHODS OF AFFECTING LAMININ 5 PROCESSING

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method for diagnosing, treating, and preventing conditions associated with altered expression or activity of laminin 5 using BMP-1 inhibitors.

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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PCT/US 01/15417**Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)**

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 1-14, 18-24, 36  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Diagnostic method practised on the human or animal body  
therapy
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 15-17  
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:  
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

**Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)**

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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4. ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:  
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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.  
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## FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 15-17

Present claims 15-17 relate to a composition defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely the ability to affect processing of laminin 5 by a BMP-1 related protein.

The claims cover all compositions having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such compositions. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the composition by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the compounds 1-3 (Figure 1A-1C) with due respect of the underlying idea.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 15-17

Composition for the treatment of a condition associated with increased expression or activity of laminin 5.

2. Claim : 25

A diagnostic kit comprising an anti-BMP-1 antibody and a labeled reagent.

3. Claims: 26,31

A method of screening for an agent that affects processing of laminin 5 by BMP-1 related proteins.

4. Claim : 27

An isolated polypeptide of SEQ ID 1.

5. Claim : 28

An isolated polynucleotide encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID 1.

6. Claim : 29

A complementary polynucleotide.

7. Claim : 30

An antibody that binds to the polypeptide of SEQ ID 1.

8. Claim : 32

An isolated polypeptide of SEQ ID 2.

9. Claim : 33

An isolated polypeptide of SEQ ID 3.

10. Claim : 34

An isolated polypeptide of SEQ ID 4.

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11. Claim : 35

An isolated polypeptide of SEQ ID 5.

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